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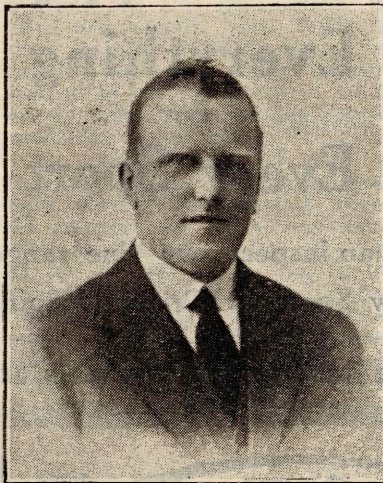
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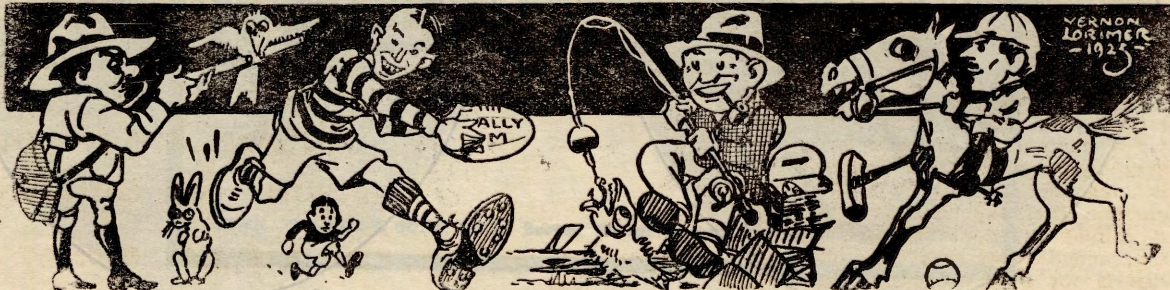
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## CURTAIN—1923

The meeting of Glebe and Balmain to-day in the final of the City Cup, will ring down the curtain on a season that has been more or less remarkable in a number of respects. Two of the most pleasing to us New South Welshmen are the decided improvement in the game in Queensland, as witness the severe drubbings handed out to us at home and in the north—and the introduction of the code into the stronghold of Australian football, Melbourne. These two important factors are bound to have considerable bearing on the future of League football, and, if one is to judge by the enthusiasm that has been displayed in the northern State during the current season, then with the advent of John Bull's representative next season, the holding capacity of each State's playing areas is going to be severely taxed, notwithstanding the gloomy predictions of decay as visioned by several more or less obscure pressmen.

With this—our last publication for season 1923—the New South Wales Rugby Football League desires to extend its best wishes to all those, both public and players alike, who have each contributed their share towards making this season such a great success, and the League assures its thousands of patrons that in the seasons to follow the policy as laid down and carried out by them in the past will always be maintained, viz., the best and biggest attractions carried out in the most business-like manner, for after all, therein lies the secret of success.

To our advertisers also is extended cordial thanks and a hope for a continuance of their necessary assistance. While doing so it might not be out of place to mention that the "League News" is gaining in popularity each season, and the scope of its activities is for ever extending, therefore making it a much more valuable organ of publicity.

Throughout the season there have been so many kaleidoscopic changes in the positions of the various teams that until the actual final match of the premiership was played the winner was exceedingly hard to define, therefore keeping the interest of followers in such a state that to predict the winner of each successive match was indeed a difficult problem. The game in the country districts has also gone ahead in leaps and bounds, which tends to show that the League's method of handling and encouraging country football is bearing excellent fruit, which augurs well for the future well-being of the game.

The strenuousness of such a long season has told its tale on both players and officials alike, for although the player has some hard tussles to survive the lot of the officials is one not to be envied, for the handling of the affairs of a district club, with the numerous calls upon his time, late nights and long debates entailed, makes the time come to-

wards the end of the season when he will be pleased to welcome

"THE CURTAIN."

South Sydney felt the strenuous nature of their last few matches telling a tale on Wednesday last, when the determined nature of the Balmain attack was not to be denied, and after a hard tussle on Wednesday last the Tigers ran out winners by the narrow margin of 8 points to 5, leaving them to oppose Glebe to-day in the final of the City Cup. Previous winners are as follows:

### Winners.

1912 South Sydney	Glebe
1913 Glebe	North Sydney
1914 East. Suburbs	South Sydney
1915 East. Suburbs	Glebe
1916 East. Suburbs	Glebe
1917 Balmain	South Sydney
1918 West. Suburbs	Newtown
1919 West Suburbs	Glebe
1920 North Sydney	West. Suburbs
1921 South Sydney	East. Suburbs
1922 North Sydney	East. Suburbs

### Runners-up.

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The display given by Art. Blair against Balmain was reminiscent of the form shown by him a season or two ago, when his name was always prominent when rep. teams were being discussed. The example he set and the capable manner in which he handled his team as captain during the critical moments of a most exciting game, the fluctuating scores would denote.—Shell.

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South Sydney are lucky in possessing a handy man in the form of forward Perce Horne, who usually figures in the front row, but owing to Jack Lawrence's inability to play, figured as lock man, and

trict's President Cup team for 1920, and was then included in Newtown second-grade team. He did not play in 1921, was included in S.S. reserve grade team this season, and was not kept out of the first thirteen very long. South Sydney view this player's future with confidence, particularly regarding his youth and physique.—T.J. \*

Balmain's try scored by H. Watt was, in the writer's opinion, one of the best of the season. Fraser started the movement, and transferring to Love, who in turn gave to Schultz, nearly every remaining forward took a pass before Watt received. It was rather a strange

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played, to the writer's mind, the best game during his lengthy connection with the S.S. Club. The neat manner in which "Chook" Fraser was handed a "dummy" was certainly quite unexpected from one of the forwards. It occasioned no surprise among South Sydneites, though, they having seen it in action before. \*

Of the crop of young players that have recently sprung up in the League game, none show greater promise than E. Root, South Sydney's most recent addition to their pack. Against Balmain on Saturday last his display was worthy of a place in any first-grade six. His defence was a sore handicap to the Balmain half, G. Robinson. He showed anticipation and pace above the ordinary in scoring a really fine try from about 40 yards out. Root is a product of Newtown J.R.L., originally figuring with Erskineville Kia-Ora, and representing that dis-

movement to see Balmain's hefty forwards executing really a pretty passing bout worthy of the efficient set of backs.—Shell.

\*

R. Burke, taking his place in South Sydney's three-quarter line on Saturday last against Balmain, as a centre, replacing V. Lawrence, played one of the soundest games on the field. He gave the impression of a "good one" in the making, and particularly did he excel in defence, and opposed to "Junker" Robinson his powers in that direction were fully tested. It must be said he came out of it with flying colors. Burke has had a brief grade experience, last year being his first season, and that with S.S. Reserves. South Sydney District can well afford to look forward to 1924 season with serene confidence, in view of the crop of "young-uns" coming along.—Shell.



ROBERT E. SAVAGE,  
BALMAIN'S ENERGETIC  
SECRETARY.

Robert E. Savage, secretary of the Balmain District Rugby League Football Club, has a long and talented record as an official of sporting associations. It was way back in 1914 that he began his meritorious career, when he held the secretarial strings of the Balmain Fitzroy "B" Grade Junior team, which annexed the premiership. The following season he was secretary of the "A" Grade, which also succeeded in landing the medals. This team, by the way, were Premiers of the "B" Grade in 1913, and 1914, and of "A" Grade in 1915. They were undefeated during the whole period of their inauguration and consisted of only 22 members, the whole of whom went into grade Rugger, including famous "Whip" Latta. Bob then accepted the secretaryship of the Balmain Junior Association, which position he held from 1916 to 1918. The

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St. George Reserve Grade side, by splendid all-round football combined with excellent team work, defeated the Premiers, South Sydney, at the Sports Ground. They were superior in all departments of the game on the day, and what was more creditable, they defeated Souths at their own game, i.e., five forwards with an extra back. Despite that Souths predominated in the scrums, all efforts to set their back machinery in motion were quickly nullified by resolute and determined tackling. The only try registered by the Saints in the second half was easily the most spectacular movement that eventuated in either match. F. Williams, Saints' centre, snapped up in his own 25, piercing the defence, passed, and after half-a-dozen men handled, D. Bowen finished the movement by planting the sphere between the posts.

St. George Reserves seem to have the Indian sign on the red and green brigade. In the three seasons in which they have played grade football, they have played 7 matches, with the following results: Saints 4 wins, Souths 2 wins, and one drawn game. Should the Illawarraiters reproduce the same team work and brilliance against the 'Mains, they should just about land the bacon.—D.

Gordon Turner, skipper of Saints' Reserve team, displayed brilliant form in both attack and defence against Souths, and in addition handled his men in a most capable manner. In defence, particularly, he was a tower of strength, tackling

fiercely, and repeatedly extricating his team from many difficult situations by safe fielding and judicious kicking. His individual try was reminiscent of "Dally M.," and quite nonplussed the opposition.—D.

Stan. Hoad and N. Stewart, five-eighth and full-back respectively for Saints, both performed with distinct credit in assisting to defeat the conquering Southerners. Rarely making a mistake throughout, each outshone his vis-a-vis, playing their parts nobly in their hour of triumph. The forwards to a man played superb football, with R. Jackson and J. Sadlier at times excelling their colleagues.—D.

The selection of Harry Flower in the combined team to visit Orange has given great pleasure to the members of Saint George and his host of admirers, for the genial "Harry" has displayed most consistent good football throughout the season, and his selection was indeed a fitting reward for his perseverance on the field of play. A tackler of the deadly type, and one who does not shirk his work in the ruck, he will also be found out co-operating with the backs, giving of his best at all times. Keen observers of the game are of the opinion that his play is modelled on the lines adopted by Bert Gray, and one views with confidence that he will, in time to come, worthily fill the gap rendered vacant by the retirement of that great forward. "Harry's" advancement in the code will be watched with interest by the fans of St. George, where he is popular to a degree.—A.

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following season he was elected as sec. of the Balmain Second Grade team, continuing in office till 1922. He was acting secretary of the District Club in 1921 and '22, and district secretary in 1923. In 1921 he was acting delegate to the N.S.W.R.F.L. and delegate in 1922-1923. He has filled the position of committeeman on the Schools' Appeals and Protests Committees from 1922, as well as being on the Country Committee this season. He acted as manager of the Metropolitan reserve grade team which visited Queanbeyan in 1922. The majority of these players have since gained first grade honors. In 1919 and 1920 he re-organised the Balmain District League of Swimmers and officiated as Delegate to the N.S.W. head body in conjunction. He was unanimously elected Secretary of the N.S.W. League of Swimmers in 1920 and has held the position since that date. Bob acted as Secretary of the Christian Brothers Old Boys' Union, Balmain, in 1917-1918 and 1919, and filled the Presidency in 1920-21-22 and '23. He was Patron of the Balmain Salon Social Society in 1921-22-23 and is a member of the Balmain Firefly Social Club. He was secretary of the R. R. Craig Testimonial Fund and secretary of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage's Annual Picnic in 1922 and '23. In fact, to give a complete list of the positions that Robert E. has filled would take up a whole volume; suffice to say that he has earned the highest respect and esteem of all sporting members. He is conscientious and honest, and, coupled with these two qualifications, is ambitious, which underlies the secret of his splendid success. Genial and of a pleasing personality, he should go far in the world of sport, and should rapidly climb the ladder of official supremacy. Words fail to adequately express sufficient appreciation of the excellent services he has rendered to the Sporting Associations in Balmain, but members of those associations are loud in singing his praises. Sport of any description acts as a medium in strengthening the moral and physical character of the participants, and the gentlemen who assist sporting associations to thrive are not only aiding that particular body, but are contributing towards raising the standard of the Australian manhood, so that Robert E. Savage must be complimented in doing his bit, and most ably too, in advancing the Australian youth.—C.B.

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## Eastern Suburbs 1st Grade—Premiers 1923



BACK ROW: Ray Norman, G. Agar, T. Fitzpatrick, H. Holmes, A. Oxford, W. Ives, E. Rigney, W. Richards.

SITTING: E. Abotomey, T. Molloy, J. Watkins, H. Caples (C.), S. Kaufman, J. Dawson, L. Steel.

FRONT ROW: E. Connerton, W. Webb (Hon. Sec.), J. O'Donnell.

### A Reunion on the "Agri."

A splendid crowd gathered at the League's oldest convincing place—the Agricultural Ground—last Saturday to witness what turned out a most unconvincing game—for neither South Sydney nor Balmain were able to convince the other party that they were their superiors.

The season has produced some hard and clever football, but seldom has it been so hard and even as that served up in the City Cup semi-final. After Souths' gruelling game against Easts on the Wednesday previous, the general consensus of opinion was that the Balmain tigers would prevail, but the wonderful fighting spirit that is the very embodiment of South Sydney football was amply in evidence when the colors were up.

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The match resolved itself into a series of duels between two teams that refused to take the knock, and the spectators were kept in a constant fever of excitement, for sen-

sation succeeded sensation, and although the game was not quite up to the premiership final, played during the mid-week, the see-sawing nature of the scoring was sufficient to key the players up to the highest pitch, with the result that at full time, with the scores level—13 all—the referee, Tom McMahon, was called upon by the rules governing the competition to order ten minutes' extra play each way, and amid the deafening shouts of the onlookers, who urged the almost exhausted players on to superhuman efforts, the game developed a brilliancy that was only overshadowed by the great strain so capably sustained by those participating.

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The teams battled along amid tremendous excitement, till the final ten minutes were entered upon, still 13 all; when Souths scored after a splendid bit of clever football, and a mighty sigh of relief that the titanic struggle was at last at an end was but short-lived, for the "Tigers" were not yet done with, and

coming with a rattle right in the final minutes of a memorable match, notched five points, thus bringing to a close, at least for the time being, one of the most remarkable matches that football has known in this State.

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The surroundings on the Agricultural Ground, though considerably altered by the demolishing of a couple of old stands to make way for much larger and more modern structures, brought vividly to mind the birth of the League game in Australia, for it was on this ground the first band of pioneers—who had dared to let the world know that they were determined to obtain better conditions than those prevailing under the old Union system—played the first series of matches against Baskerville's All Blacks, then on their way to England to engage the then Northern Union in a series of matches. These matches, fraught with all the possibilities of failure or success to the new movement, therefore make the old Agricultural



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band of Northern Union players, who blazed the way for future visits to and from this country, culminating in the last successful tour by the 1921-2 Kangaroos, to be followed by the invasion of another English combination next season. The "Agri." also ushered into the League the later "breakaways" of the Wallabies, who had realised that the Union code was obsolete, and decided to be abreast of the times.

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Truly, when rummaging amongst the memories of the past, there can be no gainsaying the fact that the Agricultural Ground, coupled with the names of such grand stalwarts of the League code as Mr. H. M. Somer and Mr. Frank Haron, will be kept evergreen in the minds of those who believe in looking upon the sentimental side of even such a strenuous game as football.

## League Cup Final.

'Tis pleasing, at least to the players, officials and supporters of the League's fledglings—St. George—to see their Reserve Grade team contesting a final. Their meeting with the formidable Balmain team will, however, have no misgivings for the Illawarraiters, for did they not last Saturday settle the pretensions of the premiers, South Sydney, who twice conquered the 'Mains? This line of argument is not altogether convincing in most cases, but thereby the Saints will pin their faith to-day. Whoever is successful to-day will be sure of receiving hearty congratulations. Saints for

their plucky battles right through the Cup competition, and the Tigers as a solace for the defeat by Souths in the premiership.

The semi-finals played last Saturday resulted as follows:—

St. George, 13 (3 tries 2 goals), beat South Sydney, 10 (2 tries 2 goals).

Balmain, 15 (3 tries 3 goals), beat Western Suburbs, 5 (1 try 1 goal).

The winners and runners-up for the League Cup since its inception in 1912 have been:—

Winners.	Runners-up.
1912—East Suburbs.	Glebe.
1913—Balmain.	Glebe.
1914—South Sydney.	East Suburbs.
1915—South Sydney.	Glebe.
1916—South Sydney.	West Suburbs.
1917—South Sydney.	Glebe.
1918—South Sydney.	East Suburbs.
1919—South Sydney.	North Sydney.
1920—Glebe.	Western Suburbs.
1921—Newtown.	Glebe.
1922—South Sydney.	Glebe.
1923—Who will survive?	St. George or Balmain?

With a team minus four of its regular players last Saturday (Hallitt, Gillespie, V. and J. Lawrence, and Murphy), among them being the Captain and Vice-Captain, the prospects of Souths winning their way to the final of the City Cup were not too bright, seeing that Balmain were fully represented. However, the younger players who filled these places rose to the occasion in a manner characteristic of their Club, terminating an exciting game in a draw.—S.

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## PROGRAMME

SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND—3.45 p.m. Saturday, September 22, 1923.

### CITY CUP—FINAL.

BALMAIN. v. GLEBE

#### Balmain.

Colors—Black and Gold

#### FULL-BACK:

3—G. FRASER

#### THREE-QUARTERS:

17—J. LOVE  
23—T. KENNEDY  
19—J. ROBINSON  
2—W. CRAIG

#### HALVES:

7—G. ROBINSON  
5—D. MILLARD

#### FORWARDS:

18—W. SCHULTZ  
8—M. RUSSELL  
11—A. FRASER  
13—L. HAYES  
9—H. WATT  
14—R. LATTA

#### RESERVES:

15—C. GUNES  
25—G. YORK  
37—E. BEVAN  
12—G. RUSSELL  
34—N. ROBINSON

#### Glebe.

Color—Maroon

#### FULL-BACK:

1—E. CUMMINS

#### THREE-QUARTERS:

2—J. TOOHEY  
3—T. JAMES  
4—E. COX  
5—J. LODGE

#### HALVES:

6—J. McMAHON  
7—W. BENSON (Capt.)

#### FORWARDS:

12—T. McGRATH  
11—W. LUCAS  
13—J. REDMOND  
10—S. QUIGLEY  
8—A. YOUNG  
9—E. GODDARD

#### RESERVES:

14—A. SHERRY  
15—F. QUIGLEY  
16—C. GEELAN  
17—A. KNOX

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## PROGRAMME

SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND— 2.25 p.m Saturday, September 22, 1923.

### LEAGUE CUP—FINAL.

#### BALMAIN v. ST. GEORGE

##### BALMAIN.

Colors—Black and Gold.

##### Full-Back:

1—B. Ponchard

##### Three-Quarters:

5—C. York A. Russell—24  
11—F. Henley B. Denham—39

##### Halves:

14—N. Robinson C. Cuneo—15

##### Forwards:

10—S. Bell F. Ferguson—29  
12—W. O'Shea G. Bishop—32  
13—H. Latta E. Bevan—37

##### Reserves:

16—W. Coonan C. Sullivan—27  
17—S. Greenlees S. Denham—22  
18—T. Newby S. Peters—31  
18—W. Wigan

Referee—W. Neill

##### ST. GEORGE.

Colors—Red and White.

##### Full-Back:

44—V. Stewart

##### Three-Quarters:

45—D. Lloyd G. Turner (Capt.)—29  
40—F. Williams V. Jordan—28  
30—D. Bowen

(One to be omitted.)

##### Halves:

31—S. Head H. McGillan—7

##### Forwards:

33—G. Gibbs J. Sadler—34  
35—T. Killiby R. Jackson—36  
16—W. Sadler A. Kelly—38  
42—J. McGillan

(One to be omitted.)

##### Reserves:

27—G. Casey J. Anderson—43

Touch Judges—H. Rowlands and E. Shaw

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##### MELBOURNE.

Colors—Red, White and Blue.

##### Full-Back:

1—Rea

##### Three-Quarters:

2—W. Darby McNeilage—3  
4—Scott Stott—6

##### Halves:

6—Peek Gaydon—7

##### Forwards:

8—Shanahan Thompson—9  
10—Yoffa Brookes—11  
12—Fraser Karagushian—13  
14—Christopher Holcroft—15

(Two forwards to be omitted.)

Referee—A. Thornton Touch Judges—Frank Delaney and H. Poulton.

##### SYDNEY UNIVERSITY.

Colors—Blue and Gold.

##### Full-Back:

4—H. C. Finn

##### Three-Quarters:

2—W. Murphy T. Barry—3  
1—T. W. Linskey E. G. Ryan—16

##### Halves:

6—M. A. Cunningham M. L. Unwin—7

##### Forwards:

8—H. Moxon G. D. Dunworth—11  
10—W. H. Darragh R. A. Dunworth—12

9—M. L. McKeon C. H. Munro—13

##### Reserves:

17—R. S. Cunningham R. G. O'Brien—14

19—L. Halberstate J. Sender—33

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##### First Heat.

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453.—	E. Colbram .....	2 yds
305.—	E. V. Bennett .....	3 "
797.—	W. McKoy .....	5½ "
222.—	J. Carley .....	6½ "
740.—	W. Payne .....	7 "
76.—	H. S. Grandemange ..	7 "
100.—	F. Wilkes .....	9 "

##### Second Heat.

No.		
3.—	J. L. Hodgkinson ....	Scratch
776.—	N. Cunningham .....	2½ yds
101.—	C. McKenzie .....	3 "
192.—	B. Francis .....	6 "
790.—	C. Flannagan .....	6½ "
397.—	L. Jones .....	7 "
104.—	L. Heath .....	8 "
741.—	A. Payne .....	9 "

##### Third Heat.

No.		
8.—	R. S. Caldwell .....	1 yd
179.—	J. Hagley .....	3 "
496.—	J. Mackay .....	4 "
29.—	J. E. Walshe .....	6 "
270.—	S. Wilmott .....	6½ yds
850.—	A. Ridley .....	7 "
399.—	M. Grandemange ....	8 "
282.—	H. Dennett .....	10 "

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Sid Pert.—Trainer to Glebe First Grade Team. 1908 to 1920, member of

Glebe First Grade team; 1921 to 1922, trainer and coach to Third Grade side; 1923, trainer to First team. Has played 146 first-grade matches with Glebe Club; served on Management Committee on various occasions. Joined up with League in 1908, when he had his career before him, and worked hard for the movement in its initial stages. Has always taken a keen interest in the lower grade teams, and his services are always available for coaching purposes, etc. Was considered one of the best front-row forwards the district has produced and performed creditably as "hook" on many occasions.

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**T. E. Phelan.**—1908, member of Western Suburbs; joint hon. sec. and delegate. 1909: delegate; resigned and appointed hon. sec. of N.S.W. Rugby Football League, which position he held for five months. Treasurer of Western Suburbs Club. Represented against Kangaroos. 1910: Assistant-sec. Western Suburbs. Secretary, Western Suburbs Junior League. 1911: secretary and delegate, Western Suburbs. Retired from active participation in game. 1912: Committee Western Suburbs; vice-president, League; secretary Western Suburbs Junior League. 1913: Vice-president League; member judiciary committee.

1914: Vice-president, League; member of appeals and protest committee; secretary, Junior League. 1915-16: V.-p. League; member of appeals and protest committee. 1917-19: Absent on war service. 1920-23: Auditor, Western Suburbs. Mr. Phelan is also a life member of the League, and has been a qualified referee almost from its inception.

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**J. Apoloney.**—1908, present at Balmaln Club's first meeting, helped to organise district club from Union to League, played in first practice match against Eastern Suburbs on Birchgrove No. 3; 1908-11, Balmaln first-grade team; 1909, rep. Metropolis against New South Wales, reserve for Australia; 1909-23, member Balmaln Club's committee; 1919-23 v.p. and selector Balmaln Club.

**E. M'Fayden.**—1908, elected asst. sec. Western Suburbs Club; 1909, management committee Western Suburbs; 1910, hon. treasurer Western Suburbs; 1911, chairman of management committee of Western Suburbs; 1912 and 1916-17, elected hon. treas. of Western Suburbs; 1913 to date, hon. sec. and delegate Western Suburbs; assisted the formation of the Cumberland Club in 1908, and was also instrumental in the amalgamation of same club with Western Suburbs; has been a member of the following sub-committees of the League: Appeals and protest (two seasons), management committee (two seasons), country committee (three seasons).

**L. O'Malley.**—Rep. Eastern Suburbs first grade in 1908-9. Toured England with the Australian team, representing in more matches than any other member of the team. At the time he gained every representative honor possible. Rep. against Queensland, Maoris, and New Zealand. Returned to England and signed on for a season with the Warrington Club. On return he played for Eastern Suburbs, which won the premiership three years in succession and the City Cup in the fourth year. Retired from active participation in the game in 1914. In 1916 passed the referees' examination test, and joined the Referees' Association. In 1920 was ap-

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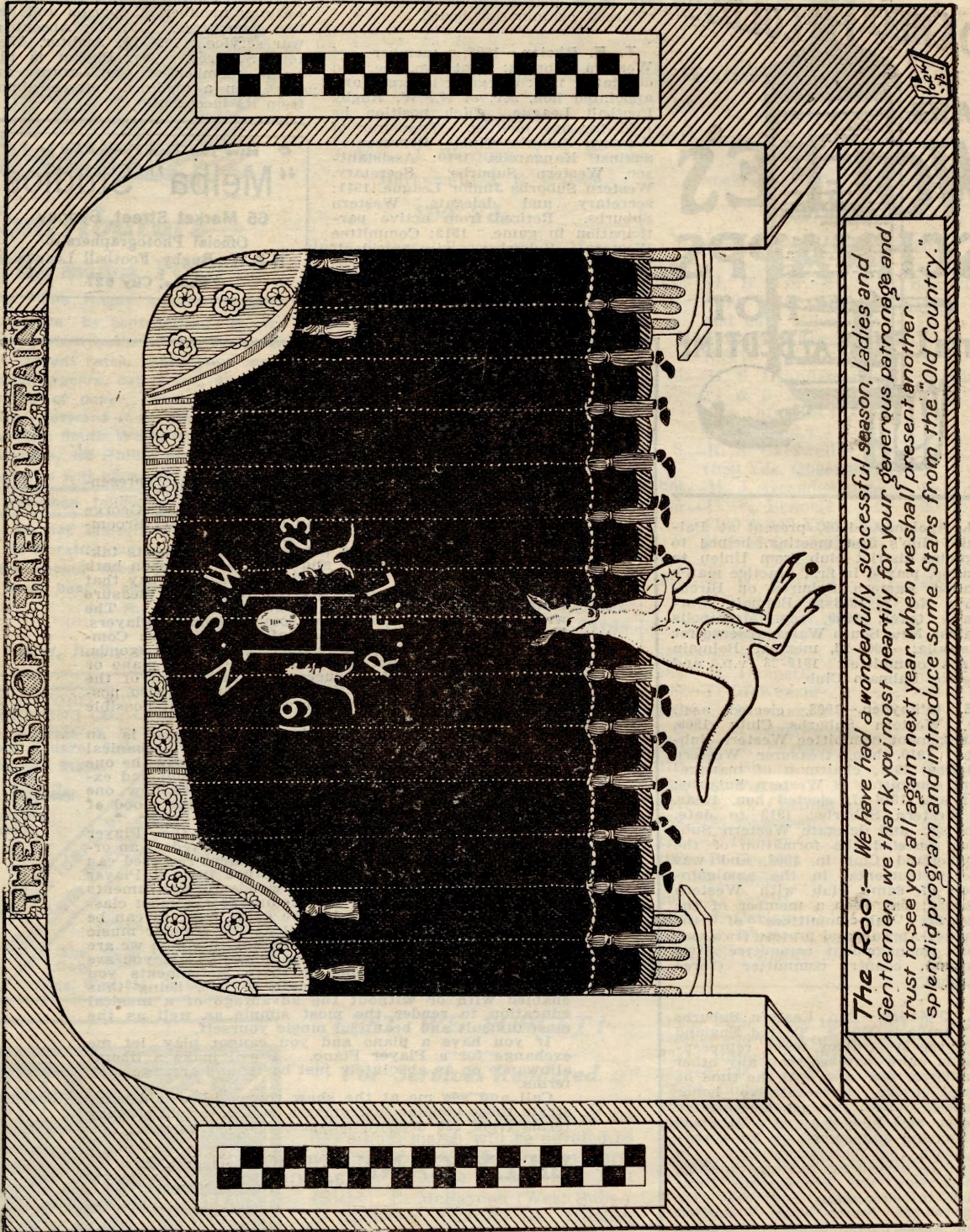
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## Glebe District First Grade Team—1923 Season.



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**THIRD ROW:** B. Gray, H. Sykes (Trainer), J. McMahon, A. Young, R. Liston, J. Lodge, G. McMillan, S. Pert (Trainer), F. B. Geoghegan (Dist. Hon. Sec. and Delegate).

**SITTING:** S. Quigley, A. Thompson, W. Lucas, W. Benson (Capt.), J. Toohey, E. Goddard, F. Quigley.

**FRONT ROW:** E. Cummins, T. James (Selector), M. Diver, T. McGrath (Vice-Capt.), E. Cox.

### University on Tour in Queensland.

One of the objects of the Sydney University Amateur Football League Club is to promote inter-university football contests. Hence, ever since its inception, annual matches have been played between our University and that of Queensland, and next year, no doubt, Melbourne University will enter the arena to oppose her sister institution. This season it was Queensland's turn to be hosts, so the Sydney men availed themselves of the bye on the 1st inst. to settle the annual argument. Be-

sides the inter-Varsity contest, two other matches were played against Tenterfield and against Ipswich. At the former place the team was accorded a civic reception and entertained in the evening at a dance at which the gloomiest person could not have resisted enjoying himself, Tenterfield justly priding itself on the hospitality it tenders to visiting teams. The football match resulted in a win for 'Varsity by 19-8. The ground was a very hard one, and as the locals concentrated on hard tackling very few of the visiting players escaped unscathed. Linskey received injuries necessitating his return to Sydney, and Jim Dunworth was com-

pelled to spend the night in hospital. The state of the ground at Tenterfield and the fierce way Rugby is played locally are helping the spread of Soccer in the town.

Weakened by injuries, but not a bit discouraged, 'Varsity entered the field against the powerful Ipswich team, refusing to regard defeat as even probable. And indeed defeat came only in the last five minutes, although the scores at the finish were 29-21. Had it been 40 minutes each way, instead of 45, the result could easily have been different. Murphy, 'Varsity's speediest back, was unable to play owing to injuries sustained in the previous game, which was unfor-



fortunate, as Ipswich's two wingers, Paten and Maguire, are exceptionally fast. Maguire, the Queensland Blinkhorn, a youth of 21, will be heard of in Interstate football. Although there was a liberal sprinkling of reserve-grade players in the side, 'Varsity gave their best display of the season, every player maintaining the best football traditions of the Blue and Gold. Much eulogy was given to the 'Varsity pack, and in the press and elsewhere they were considered to have excelled the New South Wales six. Naturally we were determined to nullify the prowess of our old colleague, Jimmy Craig, as much as possible, with the result that he was held to have played his quietest game since going to Queensland. But the star back undoubtedly was Finn, who was not eclipsed by Fraunfelder. His display was the subject of much favourable comment. Ryan (2), Moxon and Munro (2), who also tremendously impressed the critics, scored tries, and Finn kicked 3 goals. The team were entertained at a banquet at which the toast of the University was proposed by Dr. T. Cooney, the former Sydney University cricketer-footballer, who is the very

popular League medico in Ipswich.

The team then travelled to Brisbane for the real object of the visit, the Inter-'Varsity match. Our northern brothers were most lavish in their hospitality, and we were entertained by them at a dance on the first night, at a dinner at St. Leo's College (one of the University colleges), on the second night, and at a theatre party on the evening of the match. We won by 22 to 15. The Queensland University team includes many promising players, and after a bad start at the beginning of the season won practically all of their later matches. One of the team, Vidulich, was a reserve for Queensland v. N.S.W. in the recent contest match. We scored six tries to three. Ahern, their five-eighth, besides playing excellent football, kicked three splendid goals from his three attempts. Our tries were scored by Murphy (2), Unwin, Munro, O'Brien and Darragh and Murphy, and O'Brien goals.

As was expected the trip involved considerable financial loss, but socially, and from a football point of view, it was a great success. With Conaghan and Terry

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stripping next year and all the present players available, and with additional experience, 'Varsity officials are justifiably optimistic as to their prospects in 1924.—Ish.

The proudest man on the Sports Ground last Saturday, when the Saints' reserves defeated Souths' reserves in the semi-final of the League Cup, was W. J. (Tammy) Hall, the Red and Whites' hard-working and popular Secretary. "Tammy" has been associated with the men from the Illawarra District as Secretary to the Reserves since the Club's inception, and his efforts for their advancement and the game in general have been untiring. To see the Saints crowned winners of the League Cup would indeed be a fitting reward for their genial Secretary's efforts to put St. George on the football map.—A.

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## Balmain Reserves Visit Lithgow.

The Balmain Reserve Grade Rugby League team visited Lithgow on Saturday, August 18th, a party of nineteen leaving Sydney on Friday evening by the 9.50 p.m. Gulgong mail. Mr. R. E. Savage (district secretary), and Mr. L. Swain (treasurer), saw the members off. After a pleasant journey the party arrived at Lithgow at 2.20 a.m., where they were met by the secretary of the local League (Mr. L. D. Martyn) and Mr. Pope (treasurer), who accompanied the boys to the Imperial Hotel.

On Saturday morning the members were shown through the Lithgow Small Arms Factory by Mr. Jenkins (foreman) and Mr. Martyn. The inspection proved very interesting. Each was the recipient of a memento in honor of the occasion.

Promptly at 3 p.m. on Saturday the players were conveyed to the Glanmire Sports Ground per 'bus, travelling along the main street headed by the Lithgow Town Band (State champions); hundreds followed the music to the ground.

Neatly attired in new maroon jerseys, the Lithgow representative team filed out on to the field at 3.30 p.m., to the accompaniment of cheers and applause. The Balmain team, which were similarly received, followed. When the game was set in motion there was a record attendance for the ground, estimated at 2500. A very interesting first half concluded with no score by either side. The Black and Golds found it hard to hold their feet, owing to the slippery nature of the ground. The second half was real football, the Watersiders throwing the ball about in bewildering fashion. Ponchard was at his best; he did not miss the ball; his line-kicking was also a feature of the game and brought forth well-earned applause. He had a very good rival in Hough, of Lithgow, who also gave a very brilliant display, and saved his side on numerous occasions. York was well-watched by McMurtrie; the latter was one of the country "reps." who recently played in Sydney. B. Denham and A. Russell were the try-getters, Balmain running out winners, after a fine exposition of the League game, by 6 points to nil. The game was played in the

best of spirit, and was capably handled by Mr. A. C. Rickard, a local referee.

A complimentary dinner was tendered to the visitors at the Central Cafe on Saturday evening, over which Mr. J. Walker, president of the local League, presided. There were 84 present. Toasts included "The King," "The Balmain District Rugby League Football Club," proposed by Mr. J. Walker and responded to by Mr. C. Croghan (vice-president), "The Lithgow Rugby League," proposed by Mr. H. R. Matthews to which Mr. L. D. Martyn (secretary) responded, "Captains and Referee," "Visitors," "The Press," and "The Chairman." A very pleasant three hours were spent, after which the visitors spent the remainder of the evening at a dance.

On Sunday morning the party were shown over Hoskin's blast furnaces by the secretary, Mr. Martyn, which proved very interesting. A party of eight journeyed to Mount York on Sunday afternoon, whilst a number paid a visit of inspection to the local hospital.

Tea was served at 4 p.m., and the party left per cars for Mount Victoria to enable them to catch the 6.15 p.m. train. This indeed was a wonderful trip, and was enjoyed by all the lads. Les. Martyn (treasurer), Mr. Pope and Mr. J. Rae, of Balmain, accompanied the party and saw them off. The visitors arrived back in Sydney at 9.30 p.m., after having spent a wonderful time, and one that will live long in the memories of the wearers of the Black and Gold.

Lithgow was a home away from home. The secretary of the League, Mr. L. D. Martyn, spent all his time with the boys, and he was mainly instrumental in the success of the visit. The hospitality accorded the party during their brief sojourn was unsurpassed.—"Ray."

## P.S.A.A.A.

1923 season has concluded in the public schools, the best of the four in which the code has been in operation. The game is planted to stay, and there will be many recruits for 1924, including, it is hoped, the full high schools. Fifty-eight teams formed the original 1920 primary schools competitions, 77 of those for 1921, 90 in 1922, and 86 in 1923. Had it been possible

to accept A and B teams in grades from schools desirous of double representation the century would have easily been achieved. Lack of grounds was the sole reason for their non-acceptance. The N.S.W. Rugby League supplied referees, footballs, and financial aid for touring teams' assistance which will be repaid one hundred fold.

First-grade had five teams. Paddington achieved an undefeated record and made a second successive notch on the Challenge Shield. The school first entered the grade in 1922 and has not lost a match in two seasons—21 wins and one draw. Fort St. were runners-up defeated once by Paddington.

Tempe just pipped Naremburn for the second-grade shield by a point. They have had four seasons of the code; were holders of the shield in 1921, and finished one point behind Auburn in 1922.

Four districts comprised third grade. Auburn, Glebe, Plunkett St. and Manly competed in the Premiership round, which was won by Manly with a record of eleven wins and one defeat, 321 points to 16 of which R. Worsley scored 101. The six-stoners (fourth-grade) competed in eight districts, which furnished as starters for the tenancy of the grade challenge shield, Hurstville, Ashfield, Rozelle, Darlinghurst, Manly, Naremburn, Paddington and Lidcombe. Paddington and Rozelle fought the final which the first-named school won 11 to nil, making their season's record nine wins from nine starts, 118 points to 6.

Three hundred and eighty-seven fixtures were played in the four grade competitions and to these are to be added six matches versus Newcastle (Newcastle 3 wins, Sydney 2 wins and one drawn), three against other representative sides and five in which the Queenslanders participated, a grand total of 400 matches for the season.

The Queenslanders were in N.S.W. during August and their programme resulted:—

Defeated Naremburn P. S. 16 to 11.  
Defeated N.S.W. 2 to nil.  
Defeated by N.S.W. 2 to nil.  
Defeated by N.S.W. 5 to nil.  
Defeated by Newcastle 10 to 3.

High schools had three grades and the State Championship Competition (University Challenge Shield). Goulburn won the last-named competition for the second time by defeating Parramatta High 7 to 3 in the final. 145 fixtures were played, which make the P.S.A.A.A. season's aggregate 545 matches. Technical were returned first-grade Premiers, Mosman second-grade and Petersham third-grade Premiers. Technical and Mosman were undefeated, Petersham lost one match. The advent of the full high schools in the code would mark a greater field for interstate games with Queensland.

The good work of the parent body has already been acknowledged and recognition of the University Club's interest and the sterling work of the League's referees must be made before concluding.





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